



Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team

## **Neighborhood Overview**

"We May Encounter Many Defeats But We Must Not Be Defeated." - Maya Angelou



#### 10 Neighborhoods held meetings in November!

	NEEDS	ACTIVITIES
Miami Village	<ul> <li>Setting up formal meetings via Facebook</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Setting up for digital communication for future meetings</li> </ul>
Rum Village	<ul> <li>Representatives of Edison Park visited with questions and concerns about permanent supportive housing</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Had a Halloween candy giveaway at Walker Field Park</li><li>Plan on hosting a food drive</li></ul>
Near Westside	<ul><li>Better representation in diversity</li><li>Better outreach to residents</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Planning a fundraiser to help combat food insecurity in neighborhood</li> <li>Dig In group met for monthly conversation on race in South Bend</li> </ul>
SOAR	<ul><li>Interest in Acts of Kindness grant</li><li>Interest in lead safety program</li></ul>	<ul><li>Set dates for 2021 activities</li><li>Applying for NRC technical grant</li><li>Sibley center to match grant</li></ul>
Monroe Park	<ul> <li>Want to know more about how to become a CDC</li> <li>Interested in securing two Monroe Park properties in the county tax sale in March</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Adam Toering of the Historic         Preservation Commission spoke at         11/19 meeting about the benefits of being added to the National Register of Historic Places     </li> <li>Lead testing kits were distributed to 8 houses</li> </ul>
NNN	<ul> <li>Would like support for revamping COVID outreach, especially for elderly residents</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Began a 7-part series of virtual Conversation Circles on Race. The November sessions were "Bearing Witness: What has happened and is happening?" and "Telling the Truth about our neighborhood and race"</li> </ul>
River Park	<ul><li>Applied for Act of Kindness grant</li><li>Interested in lead safety program</li></ul>	<ul><li>First meeting under new leadership</li><li>Neighbors Helping Neighbors food drive</li></ul>
Far NorthWest	<ul> <li>Working on alley vacation request for Meade Street property</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Advancing on duplex development project on Meade St. The city finalized contract for project, and it has been signed by the group</li> </ul>
Northeast Neightborhood Council	Looking to increase turnout	<ul><li>Worried about more gunshots than usual</li><li>Food pantry distributed meals</li></ul>
River Park Business Accociation	<ul> <li>Need a way to add value to membership, in order to attract new members</li> <li>Currently have 10 board membersthe maximum was set at 15</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Held electionsall officers reelected</li> <li>President Fred Greiner, Vice-President Dave Nufer, Secretary Margaret Whitmer, Treasurer Jake Brentlinger</li> </ul>

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## **More Resources**

For You and Your Neighborhood



### Apply for an Acts of Kindness Grant!

The City of South Bend's Love Your Block program is offering grants of \$250-\$350 to neighbors and groups serving their communities during the pandemic with creative projects like mask drives, grocery deliveries, and fundraisers. To learn more and apply, visit <a href="https://engageandempower.wixsite.com/lybsb">https://engageandempower.wixsite.com/lybsb</a>.

#### **Contact The Chief of Police**

The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to Neighborhood Association meetings, per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact:

Chief of Police, Scott Ruszkowski, at <a href="mailto:sruszkow@southbendin.gov">sruszkow@southbendin.gov</a>
OR

Patrol Division Chief, Eric Crittendon, at <a href="mailto:ecritten@southbendin.gov">ecritten@southbendin.gov</a>

#### What is it?

The Office of the Mayor and the Engagement and Economic Empowerment team inviting community leaders to join the Neighborhoods Council in collaboration with neighborhood associations other neighborhood-based organizations to encourage inclusive civic voice and participation citywide.

contact <u>eee@southbendin.gov</u> for more information

#### **Digital Neighborhood**



Digital Communication Grants

Because of COVID-19 social distancing policies, neighborhood associations are finding it difficult to engage with residents. To help them connect, the City of South Bend's Love Your Block program is offering N.A.s a <a href="free annual subscription to an online video conferencing service">free annual subscription to an online video conferencing service</a> for 12 months. N.A.s can receive <a href="free technical assistance">free technical assistance</a> from COSB to set up this software. N.A.s can also apply to receive a <a href="free phone/tablet stand">free phone/tablet stand</a> to record and livestream in-person meetings once social distancing rules expire. To apply,

https://loveyourblocksb.wixsite.com/lybsb/digital-neighborhood-grants

#### **Neighborhoods Council**



#### What is its purpose?

Purposes of the Neighborhoods Council:

- 1) for representatives of neighborhood associations to communicate directly with the Mayor and City administration;
- 2) for the Mayor to communicate with representatives of neighborhood associations on topics of interest, and
- 3) for members to deliver timely, accurate information about Neighborhoods Council activities to their respective neighborhood associations or civic entities.

#### Indiana Rental Assistance

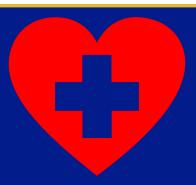


The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) has re-opened its rental assistance portal. Applications will be accepted on the portal for the Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) rental assistance program. The program provides eligible renters with up to 6 months of rental assistance to help cover past-due and ongoing rent payments. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.indianahousingnow.org/">https://www.indianahousingnow.org/</a>.

# What's Happening in South Bend?

#### Get A Flu Shot

Getting a flu vaccine this year is more more important than ever, as the symptoms of COVID-19 are similar. Anyone can get the flu, and it can be serious. Please help protect yourself, your family, and your community by getting a flu vaccine.



Visit <a href="https://vaccinefinder.org/">https://vaccinefinder.org/</a> to find a location near you that offers the flu vaccine.

There are 38 locations within 10 miles of downtown South Bend that have the vaccine for children, adults, and seniors.



#### **Lead Protection Program Grants**

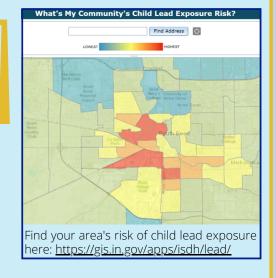
Are you a homeowner or renter in a building built before 1978?

Does a child under 6 years old live at or frequently visit your residence?

Do you make 80% or less of the area median income?

The City has grants for helping make homes with young children safe from lead paint at **no cost** to the homeowner.

Despite COVID-19, the City is still accepting applications for the grant program, although repairs won't begin unless it is deemed safe to do so. Applicants will have their household's income verified, and won't be enrolled in the program until both the application and any required supporting documentation are submitted.



Interested in applying? Interested in hosting a presentation about the program

Contact Neil Mihalich at nmihalic@southbendin.gov or (574) 235-5826

#### **Questions?**

To contact a specific Neighborhood Association, or for more information about this report, please email the Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team at eee@southbendin.gov.